



#### BUSH TO ADDRESS CRISIS

The President is set to make a statement regarding the government's decision to buy stakes in U.S. banks. The statement is set for 7 a.m.

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#### ECONOMIST WINS NOBEL PRIZE

Paul Krugman, who spoke at K-State two years ago, receives the award for excellence in economics.



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## Woman found dead outside of local hotel Sunday

By Eric Davis  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A woman was found dead behind a Manhattan hotel over the weekend, according to a Riley County Police Department report.

Police received a 911 call at 7:20 a.m. Sunday from a Quality Inn employee who discovered

the body of 18-year-old Alheli Z. Alcantara lying behind the southeast corner of the hotel.

Because the hotel is in an area of Manhattan that spills into Pottawatomie County, the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's Office is also involved in the investigation.

After identifying the victim early Monday and notifying her

family, the departments called a joint press conference to publicize the case.

The police are looking for the victim's vehicle, a "light-colored" 1991 Toyota Previa with a Kansas tag, 980 BCK. The headlight on the driver's side is out and there is no wiper on the back windshield.

Police also said there is a K-State sticker in the window of the

van, but the windows are tinted, which could make the sticker hard to see.

RCPD Capt. Tim Hegarty said anyone who sees a van matching the description needs to call 911 or Riley County Crime Stoppers at 785-539-7777.

"We would rather get a call on every Toyota Previa than to miss the real one," Hegarty said.



Toyota Previa



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**ABOVE:** The Riley County Democratic Party has had problems keeping Obama gear in stock. "As soon as a new shipment comes in, it's out the door," Kathryn Focke, RCDP chair, said.

**BOTTOM RIGHT:** Members of the Riley County Democratic Party work to get out the vote for Democratic candidates such as Barack Obama, Nancy Boyda, Tom Hawk, Rusty Wilson, Sydney Carlin and Jim Slattery for various local and national elections.



## Short order

### Local Democratic headquarters receives campaign supplies after long deficiency

By Jenene Heavey  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Barack Obama and Joe Biden supporters in Manhattan seeking signs, bumper stickers, T-shirts or any other campaign merchandise recently would have had to go out of town or order it online because the Riley County Democratic Party has not been able to keep up with demand for Obama/Biden merchandise.

"The problem is not us," said Justin Hagel, Riley County Democratic Party field organizer. "We submitted orders, but the Obama campaign is having a hard time keeping up. I think it's demand. They have shifted their focus to door-to-door registration, the phone bank — that kind of thing. So, they don't have the personnel to handle the demand."

Without offering a steady inventory, supporters depended on leftovers from bulk orders. These were dispersed on a first-come, first-served basis and were sold out in three days.

However, the Riley County Democratic Party and KSU Young Democrats have now received their last shipments of merchandise and think they have enough to last until the election, said Bryan Cox, Young Democrats co-president and RCDP field organizer.

He said the Obama/Biden merchandise is being sold and proceeds go to the campaign. Signs and sup-

port material for state and local Democratic candidates is free.

The KSU Young Democrats organization has shirts, buttons, rally signs and bumper stickers available at a table in the K-State Student Union, Cox said. The RCDP has yard signs, buttons and bumper stickers available at its headquarters, located at 407 Poyntz Ave.

Hagel said though signs and stickers are great to have, they can distract voters from what matters the most.

"What you should be doing is coming in here and volunteering, by going door to door, making phone calls, making contact with voters who are undecided and non-supporters of Obama. That's what our push is now," Hagel said.

Cox, senior in economics and political science, said he is doing just that by registering students to vote in Aggieville and at their homes while canvassing neighborhoods. He said the desire for more presidential campaign merchandise is readily apparent on these trips.

"Demand for Obama gear is through the roof," Cox said.

Manhattan Democrats are not the only ones to see Obama gear sell out quickly.

Hagel said Obama supporters traveling from Colorado to Washington, D.C., made their third cross-country stop at RCDP headquarters recently in search of a yard sign.

## Officials warn against electioneering

By Whitney Hodgins  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Early voting begins today, and students who are registered and ready to cast their ballots in Manhattan should leave their political propaganda at home, said Deputy County Clerk Jolene Campbell.

Items like campaign buttons, placards, stickers, shirts and any other paraphernalia must be at least

250 feet from any polling area, she said.

Non-compliance with these stipulations could result in a class C misdemeanor and most likely a fine.

Advance voting sites include central county election offices or satellite advance voting sites. Voting officials said they are adamant about keeping the voting environment as neutral as possible.

"When people come in to the clerk's office for

early voting and they are wearing a T-shirt that endorses any candidate, we make them turn the shirt inside out if they want to vote," Campbell said.

Briana Jackson, senior in public relations, said she was not aware of the rule until she ran into Mary Brownback, wife of Sen. Sam Brownback, at a day camp that doubled as a polling area in Topeka last

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## K-State boasts highest enrollment numbers ever

By Tim Schrag  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State campus now boasts a much larger and more diverse student body than ever before.

This fall's record enrollment number is 23,520, which includes more students of color as well as more international students and first-time freshmen.

"All of us at K-State are thrilled that we have a record enrollment of 23,520 students," President Jon Wefald said, "and we are also delighted that K-State has a record number of students of color and international students as well."

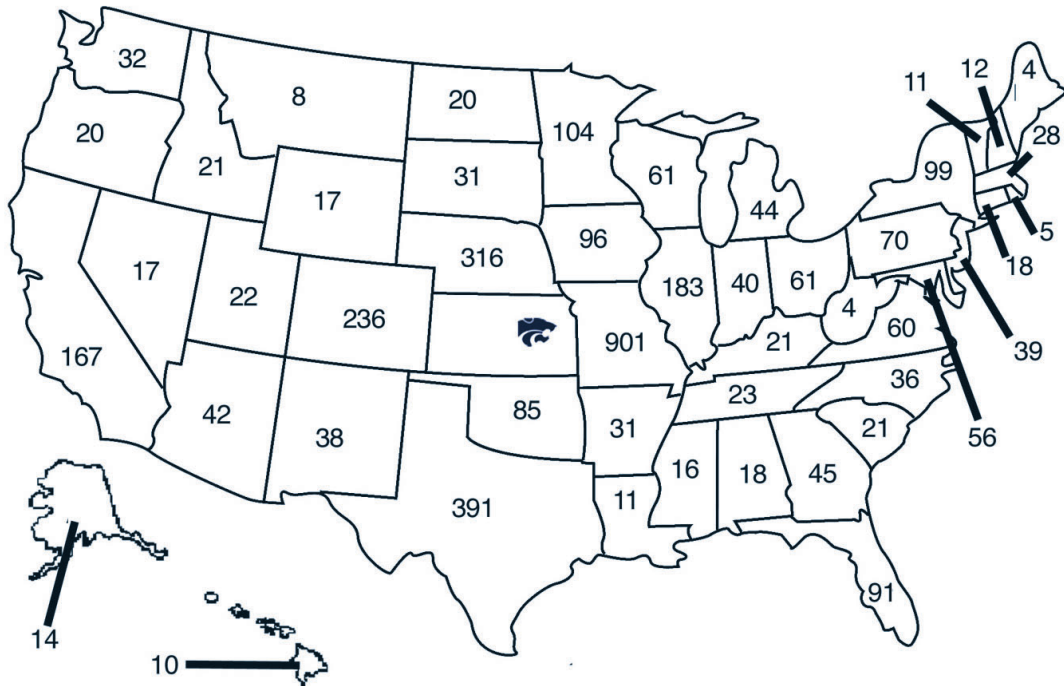
The total for minority students includes record highs for black and Hispanic students, and international student enrollment has increased, including 431 students from China.

Wefald indicated he was particularly pleased with the quality of the large freshman class.

"[This year's freshmen] are one of our strongest classes ever," Wefald said. "I foresee bright futures for them."

Pat Bosco, vice president for student life and dean of students, credited Wefald's leadership for the record enrollment this fall. There has been a steady increase in enrollment through the Wefald administration.

"Under Jon Wefald's leadership, K-State has not only increased enrollment substantially since



#### Enrollment for Fall 2008:

Total enrollment: 23,520

■ Minority enrollment: 2,278 (last year: 1,973)  
■ African-American record high: 838  
■ Hispanic record high: 756

■ International students: 1,431 (last year: 1,220)  
■ Chinese students: 43  
■ Freshmen: 3,565 (record high)

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## Woman charged for hitting two men

Staff Report  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A Manhattan woman was arrested early Saturday morning after she allegedly hit two pedestrians with her car, according to a Riley County Police Department report.

Tracy Cassidy, 26, was in the parking lot at the Aggieville Burger King when she backed out of her parking stall and struck two men.

Justin Curry, 23, had his foot run over by the vehicle and Christopher Zunign, 25, was struck in the torso.

Cassidy was charged with two counts of aggravated battery, driving under the influence and failing to report an accident.



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THE BLOTTER | ARRESTS IN RILEY COUNTY

FRIDAY

Mark Nicholas Rickenbaker, 1704 Fair Lane, Lot 14, was arrested at 12:15 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$500.

Rusty Glenn Taylor, 4055 Jacob Cove, was arrested at 12:40 p.m. for criminal damage to property. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Bradley Alan Heideman, Strawberry Lane, was arrested at 4:56 p.m. for theft. No bond was set.

Ronald Edward Abbott, 4440 Tuttle Creek Blvd., Lot 256, was arrested at 9:35 p.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license and unlawful habitual violations. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Susanne Erna Birdwell, 1500 Colorado St., was arrested at 10:25 p.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Timothy Shannon Graham, Leonardville, Kan., was arrested at 10:52 p.m. for criminal trespass and violation of a protective order. No bond was set.

Javier Francisco Delacruz, San Antonio, was arrested at 11:05 p.m. for obstruction of the legal process. No bond was set.

Felicia Evans, Fort Riley, was arrested at 11:40 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$173.

Natalie Rae Nicole Chatfield, 3303 Shady Valley Drive, No. 21, was arrested at 11:45 p.m. for obstruction of the legal process. Bond was set at \$500.

Joshua Scott Stephens, 815 Humboldt St., was arrested at 11:50 p.m. for aggravated burglary and purchase or consumption of an alcoholic beverage by a minor. Bond was set at \$5,000.

SATURDAY

Fabian Carrasco-Gonzales, 2500 Farm Bureau Road, Lot 22, was arrested at 2:22 a.m. for driving under the influence. No bond was set.

Thomas Robert Shannon Booth, Leonardville, Kan., was arrested at 12:30 a.m. for probation violation. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Leon DeMarcus Patton, Sr., 1200 Fremont St., No. 2, was arrested at 1 a.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was set at \$750.

Ande Thomas Morgan, Fort Riley, was arrested at 1:30 a.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was set at \$750.

James Lee Woodyard, 730 Allen Road, No. 150, was arrested at 1:44 a.m. for prohibited use or possession of simulated controlled substances and drug paraphernalia or unlawful acts relating to possession of opiates, opium, narcotic drugs or designated stimulants. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Kathryn Grace Marston, 1565 Jefferson Ridge, was arrested at 2 a.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Misty Lee Wege, Leonardville, Kan., was arrested at 2:53 a.m. for driving under the influence. No bond was set.

Kevin Joseph Green, 921 Moro St., was arrested at 3:10 a.m. for driving without a license. Bond was set at \$500.

Carrie Marie McDowell, Ogden, Kan., was arrested at 3:30 a.m. for battery. Bond was set at \$500.

Tracy Lynn Cassidy, 415 Walters Drive, No. 802, was arrested at 3:35 a.m. for aggravated battery, driving under the influence and failing to report an accident. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Randolph James Byrd, Fort Riley, was arrested at 8:10 p.m. for driving with a canceled or suspended license. Bond was set at \$750.

John Francis Walmsley II, 2750 Moehlman Road, No. 1, was arrested at 9:31 p.m. for aggravated battery. Bond was set at \$2,000.

Tracy Joann Stueve, 1014 Vattier St., Apt. B, was arrested at 10:30 p.m. for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

Joshua Eric Craig, Wiggins, Mich., was arrested at 11:23 p.m. for purchase or consumption of an alcoholic beverage by a minor. Bond was set at \$750.

Randolph James Byrd, Fort Riley, was arrested at 11:45 p.m. for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$805.

PLANNER | CAMPUS BULLETIN BOARD

The Academic Majors Fair will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in the K-State Student Union Grand Ballroom.

Intramural entries for volleyball, inner tube water polo and individual singles sports are being accepted until 5 p.m. Thursday in the administrative office at Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, call 785-532-6980.

Recreational Services is sponsoring a High Rope Challenge event at the K-State Challenge Course from 4 p.m. until dusk Thursday. All students, faculty and staff are invited to participate. Sign up in the administrative office at the Rec Complex by 6 p.m. Tuesday. The fee is \$7 for students and \$10 for faculty/staff. For more information, call 785-532-6980 or go online to <http://recservices.k-state.edu>.

The influenza vaccine is available at Lafene Health Center. Flu vaccine clinics are scheduled for Oct. 16, 23 and 30 and Nov. 6, 13 and 20, or until supplies are depleted. Please refer to Lafene's Web site, [www.k-state.edu/lafene](http://www.k-state.edu/lafene), for vaccine dates/times and info.

For a list of homecoming activities Oct. 19-25, go to <http://www.k-state.com/Students/Homecoming.aspx>.

Manhattan High School Performing Arts presents the madcap Roaring Twenties musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at 7 p.m. Nov. 11, 12, 13 and 15 in Rezac Auditorium at Manhattan High School West Campus. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets will go on sale Oct. 29. Call 785-587-2117 for more information.


The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Yuwen Zhang at 2 p.m. Nov. 5 in the Practice Management Center in Trotter Hall.

Career and Employment Services will sponsor a Dining Etiquette Workshop at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 6 in the Derby Dining Center Gold Room. The workshop is designed to prepare students for interviews and business meetings conducted over meals. Reservations and advance payments must be made by Oct. 31 by calling 785-532-6506 or by going to Holtz 100. The cost is \$7.50 per person or one meal exchange with a K-State student meal plan. Professional business attire is required at the event.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

There was an error in Friday's GameDay and Monday's Collegian. The football game against Texas A&M was in College Station, Texas, and members of Westboro Baptist Church did not attend the scheduled protest by Memorial Field Sunday. The Collegian regrets the errors. If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Jacque Haag at 785-532-6556 or e-mail [collegian@pub.ksu.edu](mailto:collegian@pub.ksu.edu).

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**Jeez**, Manhattan, I go home to Chapman every weekend and I get gas for \$2.69 a gallon.

**I'm** naked, woo.

**Silent** rave, Saturday, Old Stadium, 10:30 p.m.

**I** am such an awkward person.

**To** the cowboys driving around Anderson in a burgundy Cadillac. Save a cowboy and ride a horse.

**I** think Dara's should sell giant wooden pirate steering wheels, so I could put them on my balcony and pretend I was flying.

**Stop** making up superpowers. That's just foolish.

**Hey**, Fourum, I just took a crap on gelatin and now I don't know how to get it out of my toilet.

**Hey**, K-State Collegian Fourum, calling again to wish you a Happy Columbus Day, just seeing what's going on.

**WTF**, I don't even know what this new message system is. I don't get it.

**Good** thing I'm not in Manhattan, because if I had to rely on SafeRide, I'd be screwed.

**6:30** in the morning, it's raining, and the sprinklers in front of the engineering building are going off. What?

**Why** are we listening to a moron talk about the economy?

**Can** women participate in No Shave November?

**Yeah**, the pedestrian traffic situation on campus can be described in one word: It begins with "cluster" and ends with an expletive.

**Why** does campus smell like fish every time it rains?

**I'm** singing in the rain and dancing as well and getting weird looks from people.

**To** the girl rocking the tie-dyed umbrella today: Let's date.

**I** hate it when I walk on my own side of the sidewalk and nobody else does.

**To** the person who thinks that mild cheese tastes like breast milk: How do you know what breast milk tastes like?

**To** the guy who yelled at the girl at McCain for stepping on the seat: Way to be condescending. She was respectful and said she was sorry. You were not.

Check out *kstate-collegian.com* for the rest of today's Fourum.

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# Dead weights

## Palin, economy causing McCain to slip in polls



ADAM PHAM

In the span of only a single tumultuous month, the entire landscape of the presidential election has been transformed.

Following the Republican National Convention, John McCain found himself enjoying his first lead in the polls since the end of the primaries and basking in the meteoric glow of his new lieutenant, Sarah Palin.

The two were able to finagle victories on the issues of offshore drilling and the troop surge, and amid all the flying rhetoric, it seemed that the GOP might grab yet another election from the jaws of defeat. The battle cry was sounded and the base was energized.

But now, only a month later, the senator finds himself in a dark political wasteland. He has earned himself an insurmountable deficit in the polls, an even larger massacre scheduled for the Republicans in Congress, an economy rushing swiftly toward bankruptcy and a running mate whose hypocrisy and utter ineptness have embarrassed her into silence.

In short, I can only reiterate a position of mine from about six months ago: Barack Obama almost certainly will win, probably by about five points.

Mind you, the GOP has not exactly been left shaking its head, just trying to understand this sudden spate of misfortune: Party officials already know what happened.

This recent rapid erosion of support was not simply a natural abatement of euphoria following the RNC but rather a distinct and discrete phenomenon. In my reckoning, the blame can be approximately divided down the middle: half for Sarah Palin, half for the economy.

The economy's role is obvious. When a country's finances go south, the sitting bureaucrats always take the

blame. The fault on the side of Palin, however, yields more tragedy, because it could have been so easily mitigated.

Troopergate is a good example. The controversy rests entirely on the fact that the VP nominee should not have used every avenue available to rescue her family and the public from an armed, psychopathic civil servant.

Whether this is actually a fair appraisal makes little difference, because a base credulous enough to accept her at face value usually does not bother to beleaguer how issues come to be framed. But since she was evasive, disingenuous and just plain deceitful about it, rather than being given an overwhelmingly sympathetic and charitable response by the public, she is going to be left only with some kind of ethics demerit.

Her aloofness with the mainstream media is another issue. Palin has tried to paint reporters' innocuous behavior as "gotcha" journalism, and thanks to Tina Fey and "Saturday Night Live," has managed to become a self-parody in the process.

Her lack of intellectual curiosity is stunning — this is a woman who could not name a single Supreme Court case with which she disagreed, and who seemed unaware of the particulars of the Bush Doctrine, the overarching philosophy that has guided the foreign policy of her own party for the past seven years.

Palin seems unable to answer even the simplest questions in a straightforward way. When an interviewer asks which newspapers one reads or has read, what kind of person answers, without irony, "all of them?"

She did, of course, channel a few badly needed volts through the far-right base — which I'll admit I did not predict — and those party members continue steadfastly optimistic. But thankfully, her idiocy has not gone uncondemned, and in pandering to the gullible, anti-intellectual faction of the electorate, McCain and Palin are not only losing, but losing for all the right reasons.

Adam Pham is a senior in economics, music and philosophy. Please send comments to [opinion@spub.ksu.edu](mailto:opinion@spub.ksu.edu).



Molly Miller | COLLEGIAN

## Negative campaigning does not help candidates



JIM BANKS

There has been talk of a growing rage at Republican rallies. The accusations made by John McCain's campaign that Barack Obama is "palling around with terrorists" and that his "extremely radical" views on abortion have no purpose but to rile people up are beginning to work — in a very scary way.

A rally last Tuesday in Clearwater, Fla., proved violence is not completely out of the picture for angry McCain-Palin supporters. After the mention of Obama and accused terrorist Bill Ayers, one supporter shouted "treason," and another shouted "kill him" — though it was unclear whether the person shouting this remark

was talking about Obama or Ayers.

The angry rhetoric at these rallies needs to stop, or it could lead to an event with negative consequences.

When you have an already angry and frustrated crowd, riled up to the point of suggesting the death of another person, further preaching divisiveness and anger is not going to get you anywhere.

It's the responsibility of the McCain campaign to try to rein in these angry rallies and get its campaign back on track by talking about the issues again.

McCain perhaps has begun to see the need for this kind of action already. At a rally in Minnesota on Friday, one woman said she did not trust Obama and she read "he's an Arab."

McCain was quick to respond she was incorrect and went on to voice his respect for Obama. This was the right thing to do.

McCain finally is learning that hurling personal insults and attacking someone's character in a negative way is only going to incite ignorance and possibly vi-

olence. He has been preaching that respect must be maintained in this election. Nothing good ever came out of hating someone else.

Focusing the campaign on the issues and not things like past relationships will make sure those who decide to vote will make an informed decision on where the candidates actually stand.

Negative campaigning usually has a negative effect, and in

the case of this election, it does not seem to be having any effect.

After all of these negative attacks, Obama is gaining in the states that matter, so the McCain campaign had better rethink its strategy if it wants any kind of chance at all.

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Molly Miller | COLLEGIAN

TO THE POINT

## Students should take advantage of local arts and humanities

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

October is National Arts and Humanities Month, and the City of Manhattan is taking notice.

At tonight's city council meeting, council members will present the Manhattan Area Arts and Humanities Coalition with a proclamation acknowledging the

importance of local arts and humanities.

According to Barbara Nelson, owner of the Strecker-Nelson Gallery and coalition member, arts and humanities are a representation and expression of the U.S. culture, and therefore should be indulged.

Often, we make excuses to avoid learning on the weekends because our minds are tired after painstakingly composing two papers and concentrating through three exams all in one

exhausting week, but when it comes to local arts and humanities, we should pay closer attention.

Several area museums and galleries, including the Strecker-Nelson, are free of charge and provide students with the opportunity to step out of their routines and view some fresh and inspiring art. So, spend a Saturday afternoon philosophizing over abstract art with your roommates or enjoy a laid-back date learning about the histo-

ry of Manhattan at any of the local museums.

Experiencing life through arts and humanities and learning — the easy way — about cultures is a great way to expand your thinking and refresh your tired mind.

**National Arts and Humanities Month's four primary goals are to:**

-create a national, state and local focus on the arts and humanities through the media

-encourage the active participation of individuals, as well as arts, humanities and other interested organizations nationwide

-provide an opportunity for federal, state and local business, government and civic leaders to declare their support for the arts and humanities

-establish a highly visible vehicle for raising public awareness about the arts and humanities



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# ‘Diversity’ has become simple buzzword, emphasizes less important attributes

Editor,

This is in response to the “Bridging the Gap” forum organized by the K-State Diverse Mass Communicators and Student Publications, Inc.

The topic of the forum was “to discuss news coverage, diversity issues and misunderstandings” regarding the content of the Collegian.

Sheila Ellis, president of DMC, stated her hope to make this an annual event with a goal “to promote diversity throughout campus.”

One encounters the buzzword “diversity” at K-State ad nauseum. The source of the incessant demands for “diversity” is the doctrine of multiculturalism.

Multiculturalism is the product of moral agnosticism, cultural relativism and ethnic determinism.

This doctrine holds that one should never judge Western/American culture superior to any other. Its purpose is to obliterate distinctions between values and non-values.

For example, the value of individualism is considered equal to the non-value of tribalism. The multicultural doctrine makes no distinction between chosen values such as reason, individualism, personal liberty and non-chosen physical attributes, including race.

The epithet “Eurocentric” conflates race and culture.

“Diversity” elevates unchosen attributes to greater importance than values based on merit, personal achievement and moral character. “Diversity” also requires individuals to primarily define themselves based on these unchosen criteria.

The agenda is to Balkanize the United States.

Twenty years ago Jesse Jackson led Stanford students in an anti-intellectual chant: “Hey, ho, Western Civ has got to go.” Jackson’s nihilistic premise is the basis for both “diversity” and “multiculturalism.”

According to this view, you don’t choose your values; instead, they are assigned at birth.

Multiculturalism is K-State’s official religion and the Collegian provides the daily catechism.

Grant Jones  
Doctoral student in American history

# Student Senate wrong to support ban, business owners deserve to choose

Editor,

I feel the K-State Student Senate was in the wrong this past Thursday when they voted in support of the proposed smoking ban on the upcoming November ballot.

While I do agree that smoking and being exposed to secondhand smoke is not healthy, I do not believe it is the business of the Student Senate, the City of Manhattan, the State of Kansas or any other organization to tell private business owners how to operate their business.

Voting for this ban is simply un-American.

America is the land of the free.

If I so desire, I should be permitted to smoke in a bar or restaurant with the approval of the owner.

Along that same line, nonsmokers are free to choose to do business with nonsmoking establishments.

The freedom of choice, among other things, is what makes this country great.

If health concerns are the main focus of supporting the proposed ban, I would ask that the Student Senate also look into banning the sale or serving of unhealthy, fatty fried foods on the K-State campus.

The No. 1 cause of death in America is heart disease.

Among the many causes of this disease are high blood pressure, high cholesterol and obesity.

All these conditions are brought on by eating unhealthy foods. If we’re going to ban things based on health concerns, let’s at least keep it consistent.

Many senators as well as Student Body President Lydia Peele cited that, while unhealthy, a cheeseburger will not affect the health of the person sitting next to where the cheeseburger is being eaten.

While this is true, let’s think about the argument that people who think this way are making:

“I want to be able to go to a bar and drink alcohol to the point of intoxication, damage my liver and make poor decisions because of my intoxicated state. However, for the sake of my health, this must be done in a smoke-free environment.”

This argument holds about as much water as a bottomless bucket.

In closing, smoking is bad for you. Cheeseburgers are bad for you as well.

If you use too much of either, you are probably going to die as a result.

However, that is your choice to make, and that is what makes America the best country in the world.

Andrew Glazier  
Senior in social science

# Obese individuals deserve respect, equal treatment

Editor,

Joel Campbell’s article on obesity presented stale stereotypes about obese people and propagated the notion that obese people are always unhealthy.

Campbell implies overweight people do not exercise and eat fast food five days a week. This shortsighted view overlooks body composition and genetic influence. Exercising does not automatically imply weight loss, so gauging a person’s fitness level by their body type leads to faulty assumptions.

Also, to Campbell, it doesn’t make sense why students wouldn’t want to take P.E. This makes me wonder if he actually has been in a P.E. class.

Many times, overweight students are ostracized, picked last for teams and humiliated by their peers.

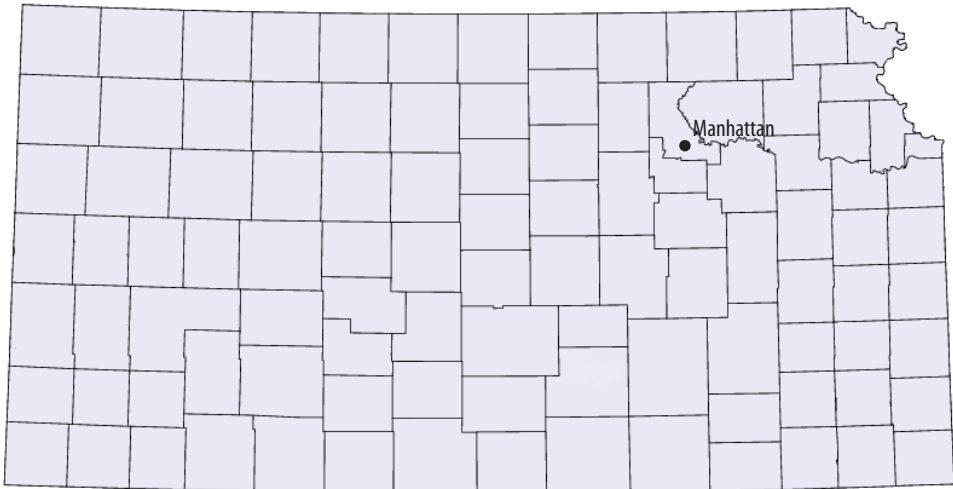
It should be easy to understand why someone would want to avoid such cruelty. With his advice to “start slimming down,” Campbell only perpetuates the idea that heavy people should constantly strive for thinness or risk ridicule.

If an obese person dares to get a non-diet drink, eat anything but salad, or wear clothes that show even an inch of skin, people feel justified in making a joke out of him or her.

I believe overweight people deserve respect, kindness and the privilege of being treated like worthwhile people, regardless of whether they make healthy choices. Instead of blindly reinforcing societal standards of acceptability, we should be challenging people to examine their preconceived biases against obesity.

Michele Plank  
Sophomore in family studies and human services

KANSAS BRIEFS



### PARKING NEAR CITY HALL TO CLOSE

Parking in front of Manhattan City Hall will be limited beginning Wednesday, according to a recent press release.

For the next two weeks, there only will be handicapped parking stalls open in front of the building. However, there will be parking available behind City Hall and on side streets to the south and west of the building, according to the release.

The parking changes are in place during ongoing construction to replace a landscape retaining wall.

For more information, visit [www.ci.manhattan.ks.us/ParksandRec](http://www.ci.manhattan.ks.us/ParksandRec).

### KANSAS, 33 STATES REACH SETTLEMENT

Kansas Attorney General Steve Six announced he and 33 other attorneys general reached a \$62 million settlement with Eli Lilly and Co., according to a recent press release.

The settlement stems from an alleged improper marketing of the antipsychotic drug Zyprexa and is the largest-ever multi-state consumer protection-based pharmaceutical settlement.

Six alleged in a complaint filed with the settlement agreement that Eli Lilly engaged in unfair and deceptive practices when it marketed the drug for off-label uses, according to the release.

Six also claimed the company failed to disclose the drug’s potential side effects to health care providers.

After a 1.5-year investigation, Eli Lilly has agreed to change its marketing strategy and to cease promoting the drug’s “off-label” uses, which are not FDA-approved, according to the release.

“Cases like this show many in the pharmaceutical industry that we will not tolerate abuse of the system or deceptive marketing at the expense of Kansas consumers,” Six said in the release.

Six said \$1.18 million will go to Kansas to be used to enhance consumer protection and education.

### LT. GOV. PARTICIPATES IN CHINA MISSION

Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson joined the lieutenant governors from Alabama, Connecticut, Nevada and Wisconsin for an economic development and humanitarian mission to China, according to a recent press release.

This mission, which took place from Oct. 5-12, led by the National Lieutenant Governor’s Association, is the first of its kind, according to the release.

The group met with high-ranking Chinese officials and visited earthquake-stricken areas.

“China is a country of strategic importance to the United States and I’m pleased to be part of this mission,” Parkinson said in the release.

“This is a great opportunity for me to continue building relationships and promote investment in Kansas.”

Among the cities the group visited were Beijing, Mianyang and Shanghai, as well as Chengdu, the capital of the province devastated by the May earthquake.

The group also discussed ideas on conservation of endangered species and natural habitats in relation to the Chinese Panda Research Center.

This mission was the first time the People’s Republic of China has initiated and fully funded a multistate event like this, according to the release.

### ATTY. GEN. SIX UNVEILS ID THEFT REPAIR KIT

To help Kansans who are victims of identity theft, Kansas Attorney General Steve Six has created the Kansas Identity Theft Repair Kit, according to a recent press release.

The goal of this educational packet is to prevent and repair damage caused in identity theft situations, according to the release.

“Identity theft is crippling to its victims, both financially and emotionally,” Six said in the release.

“This new repair kit gives consumers prevention tips as well as a road map for minimizing damage to their identity and credit.”

The kit will offer identity theft victims a step-by-step guide and also lists consumers’ rights and liability under Kansas and federal laws. It also describes the warning signs of identity theft to help Kansans avoid fraud.

“It is always important to educate consumers about fraudulent schemes and provide them with the tools needed to combat fraud,” Six said in the release.

“Once a citizen is victimized, we must do everything we can to help Kansans recover from identity theft and repair their credit history and identity.”

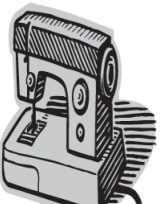
According to the release, identity theft is the fastest-growing crime in the U.S. and occurs when someone steals information like names, addresses, Social Security Numbers, mothers’ maiden names, birth dates, bank accounts, credit cards or PINs and uses them to commit financial fraud.

—Compiled by Jacque Haag

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What can be done about the food and weather crisis that threatens millions of poor people around the world? The 25th Annual World Food Day Teleconference presents a satellite downlink of a panel presentation addressing the issue.

Presenters include Dr. Nancy Birdsall, president of Center for Global Development; Dr. Siwa Msangi, research fellow at International Food Policy Research Institute; Mark Ritchie, former president of Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy in Minnesota.

At noon, the video, “Global Warming - the Signs and the Science,” will be presented. The third hour (from 1 to 2 p.m.) will be a Q/A session with questions provided from campuses around the world. Join us as your schedule permits.  
—Sandy Procter

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October is holiday season of sports



OWEN KENNEDY

Walking home from class last week, a breeze swept through campus and caught me by surprise. It wasn't hot air or a warm breeze, but a cold wind that was less refreshing than chilling. Many people would relate this feeling to the end of summer and the coming of winter, but I immediately thought of the best season of the year.

First, October is baseball month. Even sports fans who don't follow baseball religiously will make time to watch the American and National League championship series. One might not know the winners of the last five World Series, but almost everyone remembers Curt Schilling's bloody sock in 2004 against the Yankees.

If baseball isn't for you, college football has entered conference play, which always makes for good television. It is around this time of year that the serious contenders for BCS bowls start to emerge.

In the NFL, it is also about the time playoff and Super Bowl hopefuls start to take control of their divisions. Though the Chiefs are even worse than the K-State defense, I still spend my Sunday afternoons wrapped in a Chiefs blanket, watching football.

I hope you're no sports Scrooge, because almost everyone loves football or baseball, but if you happen to be one of the few who dislikes both, basketball season is weeks away.

Six months of replays, highlights and ESPN lists and countdowns are no longer the only NBA and college hoops on television. Every November, basketball's faithful watch anxiously as rookies play their first professional games and freshmen shatter college record books.

When baseball, football and basketball overlap in the fall, they offer sports fans – fair-weather fans, bandwagon fans, casual fans and life-long fans – a level of hype and high stakes in the fall that is seen at no other time of the year, not even during March Madness.

Yes, the NCAA tournament is exciting, but a time of year with no football just can't compete, even when considering baseball's spring training.

The opening of a new baseball season is a great time of year, but kids don't dream of playing baseball in the spring – they dream of playing in October, in the playoffs.

I look forward to these days and they will be gone in no time, since baseball will conclude its season in a few weeks.

Enjoy the fall sports season, watch football as often as possible and continue to learn about incoming freshmen on *rivals.com*. Don't let the best time of year take a back seat to Christmas.

I'm no Sarah Palin, so I don't really follow hockey. But hockey season has started, which is cool, I guess. But we live in America, so hockey does not get included in my argument. Happy Holidays.

Owen Kennedy is a senior in business management. Please send comments to [sports@spub.ksu.edu](mailto:sports@spub.ksu.edu).

Former Wildcat Patton arrested for 3rd time since July

Staff Report  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Former K-State running back Leon Patton was arrested early Saturday morning and charged with driving with a canceled or suspended license after he was pulled over on a routine

traffic stop, according to a Riley County Police Department report.

Patton has been arrested three times in the past three and a half months. On July 7, he was arrested on suspicion of theft, outstanding warrants and failure to appear in court. He allegedly stole

several video games from the Manhattan Wal-Mart. He was suspended from the team indefinitely then.

On Sept. 18, Patton was arrested by the RCPD on a warrant for felony child abuse. The arrest warrant stated that Patton "feloniously and intentionally



PATTON

shook the child," and bond was set at \$30,000. The child is believed to be Patton's son, Leon Patton, Jr. Patton's preliminary hearing for the abuse case is set for Nov. 17, according to the Manhattan Mercury. Coach Ron Prince immediately dismissed Patton from the team.

Basketball bounces back

Coach Martin discusses player development

By Cole Manbeck  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

*Basketball season is rapidly approaching, with Madness in Manhattan kicking off the season this Friday. Reporter Cole Manbeck recently talked with men's basketball coach Frank Martin to discuss 2009 recruiting, the team's newcomers and what K-State fans can expect from this year's team.*

**Q) First, how was the offseason conditioning for the guys and who made the most strides in the weight room and on the court?**

A) Ever since we lost to Wisconsin, the 10 players we have coming back – they have been unbelievable. They have made an unbelievable commitment. They are a lot stronger and a lot more athletic. They are better basketball players right now than last year. Ron Anderson, Darren Kent and Jacob Pullen have been great. Jamar Samuels has gained 30 pounds since he has gotten here [in December last year].

**Q) Have you been pleased with all of the newcomers? Who stands out the most?**

A) The newcomers have been great. Curtis Kelly [who will sit out this year after transferring from the University of Connecticut] has been great. Abdul Herrera has battled a knee that has been giving him trouble for over a year. Buchi Awaji is very athletic and can really score. He's still learning how we do things, but he's going to be real good for us also.

**Q) It appears the team has a lot of speed this year. Are you going to play a fast-paced style? What can K-State fans expect to see from this team?**

A) A lot similar to what we did last year. Last year we averaged more points per game than any team since 1952-53. As long as I am here, that is how we are going to play. I don't believe in slow basketball. I believe in pressure, and we are going to run. Guys in the program understand that better now than we did last year, so I expect us to be even better at it.

**Q) Your team finished third in the Big 12 last year, yet you are picked to finish eighth in the Big 12 preseason coaches poll for the upcoming season. Is that something that gives you an added edge? Are people underestimating a little bit, or do you even pay attention to it?**

A) We don't pay any attention to any preseason stuff. All of that stuff sounds good and looks good. At the end of the day, we



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Men's basketball coach **Frank Martin** will enter his second season as K-State's head coach after coming to the program as an assistant to former coach Bob Huggins. "Madness in Manhattan," the tip-off of the basketball season, is Friday night.

all have to run practices, line up and play the games on the schedule. Last year they picked us to finish fifth, and we didn't have David Hoskins and we finished third. I guess coaches feel we are going to take a big step back and that is all right. That doesn't upset me or bother me.

**Q) You have had great success on the recruiting trail for the class of 2009. (K-State has verbal commitments from two of the top 100 players in the country.) Without mentioning names, how many players are you looking to sign for the 2009 class and what positions are you looking at?**

A) We are looking to sign either three or four guys. We always are looking for athleticism and size. We would like to sign another guard as well.

**Q) You are entering your second year now**

**as the head coach at K-State. Do you feel a little less pressure now that you have that first year under your belt? Are you more relaxed entering this year?**

A) I kind of know what is coming now. Nobody pressures me more than I pressure myself to prepare a basketball team. I do everything in my power to help the players. I don't put any pressure on myself because of what other people think or say. I put a lot of pressure on myself to make sure I do my job.

**K-STATE SPORTS BLOG**

Check out Cole Manbeck's blog for more K-State sports news that does not make the sports page at [www.kstatecollegian.com/blog/k-state\\_sports](http://www.kstatecollegian.com/blog/k-state_sports).

FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Brown's status unknown; WR Snipes burns redshirt

INJURY NEWS

■ Sophomore running back Lamark Brown's status for Saturday remains in question. Brown was out for Saturday's game against Texas A&M because of a staph infection in his knee and was quarantined from his teammates immediately.

"It's uncertain about Lamark. I don't know. The medical people will give me some information about it later," coach Ron Prince said.

■ Senior center Jordan Bedore's status also remains in question. Bedore injured his arm during the Texas Tech game and did not play against the Aggies. Sophomore Zach Kendall moved from left guard to center to fill in.

■ Senior linebacker Antwon Moore did not play against A&M and it is unsure if he will play Saturday at Colorado.

DEPTH CHART NEWS

■ Junior Eric Benoit started at right guard against A&M in place of senior Gerard Spexarth. Benoit is now first on the depth chart ahead of Spexarth.

■ Redshirt freshman Tysyn Hartman has replaced junior Chris Carney as the starting free safety. Hartman, a former quarterback, has only been playing at safety for a little more than two weeks. Carney is a team captain.

REDSHIRT PULLED

■ Junior wide receiver Attrail Snipes appeared on the field as a gunner on special teams Saturday. Prince intended to redshirt Snipes, but due to his one play on Saturday, he has lost that option.

THE OPPONENT

■ Colorado will be without at least two of its starters on

the offensive line. Right tackle Ryan Miller and right guard Max Tuioti-Mariner are both out with knee injuries. Senior defensive end Ian Campbell usually lines up on the right side of the offensive line.

"Their offensive line has had some injuries, but they are big and strong and they have some good runners to run behind," Prince said.

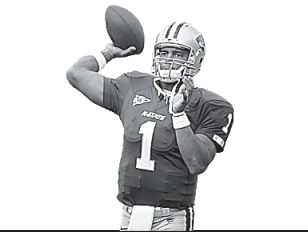
■ Colorado is 70th in the nation in total defense and 99th in the country in total offense.

**INSIDE THE NUMBERS**

■ Saturday was the first game this year in which the Wildcats won time of possession.

■ K-State blocked its fourth punt of the season on Saturday, and the punt return unit leads the nation with five touchdowns. During Prince's tenure at K-State the Wildcats have scored 22 non-

offensive touchdowns, which leads the nation.



JOSH FREEMAN

VOTE FOR FREEMAN

Quarterback Josh Freeman is one of six candidates for this week's USA Today College Football Player of the Week award. Fans can go online to [www.usa-today.com/sports/college/football](http://www.usa-today.com/sports/college/football) to vote. Freeman scored four touchdowns rushing on 95 yards and completed 21 of his 26 passes for 234 yards Saturday.

— Compiled by Cole Manbeck



# Oh, the humanities



Photos by Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

Above: Bates Dances Studios, located on McCall Road, is part of the Manhattan Area Arts and Humanities Coalition. The studio joined the coalition in 2005 after being invited by other members of the group. Left: Ashleigh Abernathy, sophomore in biology, reads a book at the Manhattan Public Library.

## Coalition promotes awareness, appreciation of arts, culture within the community

By Hannah Blick  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

In 2001, when Lorne Render approached his friend and colleague Barbara Nelson about the need to form a local coalition for the arts, she said she could not have been more in agreement.

“We started with the usual suspects,” Nelson, owner of the Strecker-Nelson Gallery, said. “You know, all the places that had been around for a while that make Manhattan great.”

So the Manhattan Area Arts and Humanities Coalition was born and has grown from its original seven members to include 33 local organizations ranging from dance studios to museums, and even 10 campus departments, like University Gardens and McCain Auditorium, according to Render, director of the Beach Museum of Art and coalition member.

### A COMMUNITY OF CULTURE

Dennis Toll, tourism sales manager for the Manhattan Convention and Visitors Bureau and coalition member, said the coalition was started with the purpose of getting its members together to collaborate on ideas and keep up with what others were doing. He said over the years, though, the coalition’s goals have shifted more toward educating Manhattan residents about the culture involved with arts and humanities, as well as attracting visitors.

“Arts play an important role in maintaining the community and encouraging people,” Toll said. “In this same sense, it’s also important to promote our organizations for tourism. We want people to visit our community and have a good time.”

According to Render, the coalition did a survey of its members’ visitor attendance and found that more than 644,000 people attended arts and humanities programs in a one-year time period.

“That is really incredible; it’s more than 10 times Manhattan’s population alone,” Render said, “and that’s only data from 16 members of the coalition.”

However, Render said there are still many community members, including permanent residents and college students, who don’t know what coalition members’ venues have to offer.

“I wasn’t even aware of many of the other organizations in town until I learned about them

through the coalition,” said Heidi Hilton, director of the Manhattan Bates Dance Studio. “It helps to know what’s going on in the community. I hear about things at the [Sunset] Zoo and take my son.”

Bates Dance Studios joined the coalition in 2005 after being invited by other members of the group, Hilton said.

Nelson, who, along with her husband, is a coalition member, said this kind of recruiting and self-taught appreciation is what the coalition is about. She also said the Manhattan coalition is more united than groups in other communities because they cross-promote – meaning they advertise each other in their own businesses, using fliers, brochures and word of mouth to let community members know about upcoming events at various local venues.

“This is how we reach people who don’t know what to ask,” Nelson said. “So, if someone sees my brochure at the [Riley County] Historical Museum, they might be interested and then visit our gallery.”

### STILL GROWING

Though the coalition has only been around for less than a decade, its member count has increased nearly five-fold, with the Manhattan Music Coalition being one of the most recent additions. Several organizations, including the Juneteenth celebration committee, are also being considered for membership, Nelson said.

The coalition is also working to raise more awareness of local arts and humanities in the community with a newsletter that will be released once every other month, Render said. Penny Senften, director of the Manhattan Arts Center and coalition member, is the editor of the newsletter, “Slices of the Apple,” and other members of the coalition contribute. The first issue was released in September, with contributions from Render.

The next issue of “Slices” will be released before the end of the month, which also happens to be National Arts and Humanities Month. Nelson said several of the members will be taking advantage of the month’s theme with special displays and attractions.

“[National Arts and Humanities Month] is a good vehicle for awareness and promotion,” Nelson

said. “It all starts there.”

As for the coalition members, Nelson said they are all good friends and colleagues and depend on each other to educate the Manhattan community about arts and humanities.

“Other communities are always saying ‘How do you get this to work?’” Nelson said, “and that is the very best thing about this group. I am enormously pleased that this truly is a coalition.”

### City Arts and Humanities Proclamation

Where: Manhattan City Council Meeting (City Hall, 1101 Poyntz Ave.)

When: 7 tonight

The council will present Karen McCulloh, chair for the Manhattan Area Arts and Humanities Coalition, with a proclamation that acknowledges the importance of arts and humanities in Manhattan, according to Dennis Toll, tourism sales manager for the city’s convention and visitors bureau.

### National Arts and Humanities Month

Each year since 1993, National Arts and Humanities Month has helped give millions of Americans the opportunity to explore new facets of the arts and humanities in their lives and has encouraged them to begin a lifelong habit of active participation. According to Barbara Nelson, owner of the Strecker-Nelson Gallery, said the month-long celebration is a time to increase awareness and promotion.

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The Manhattan Area Arts and Humanities Coalition has expanded from its original seven members to include 33 local organizations, from dance studios to museums and 10 campus departments, like University Gardens and McCain Auditorium.

### RELATIONSHIPS: FROM A-Z

## Making needs clear, listening to others encourages conflict resolution



CHRIS BROTHERTON

Conflict (n.): mental struggle resulting from incompatible or opposing needs, drives, wishes, or external or internal demands.

Mr. Webster, I’d like to simplify your definition.

I want this; you want that. Stripped down, this is my working definition of conflict. As citizens of a Western nation,

the word usually brings up negative connotations – pain, disagreement, war. The word traverses the breadth of human interactions. It is inevitable in all relationships, and no one can escape it.

Conflict, if unresolved, could give reason to end a relationship or send nations to war. In our world, we must be willing to acknowledge conflicts and then solve them.

People tend to adopt an individual style of dealing with conflicts and awkward encounters. Some ignore the problem, hoping the crisis will magically solve itself. This is risky and more than likely will breed contempt rather than peace.

Others minimize conflict

by giving in to the demands of others. This “doormat” approach leaves the relationship intact, but at a price.

Conversely, battling every last point to have your needs met fractures the relationship.

Some subscribe to the “give-and-take” approach. It sounds appealing, but both parties conclude by sacrificing something important to them.

The ideal situation we all strive for is the infamous “win-win situation.”

To reach this resolution, we must be willing to make ourselves clear while remembering to listen to others. Making sure the other party hears our story and our interests is very important.

Whether we are aware of it or not, behind our “wants” lie

our deeper longings – our needs. Needs are the unspoken desires of our hearts and are usually indirectly assumed by others by our words.

Say that you specifically plan a study session before a big test. Half an hour before the session, your study partners change the time and place. This interferes with your schedule.

You might say to them, “That’s not fair,” but you might really mean, “I need to feel in charge of my own schedule. Changing the date and time without prior notice threatens my sense of control.”

In most situations, we do not bother to consider the needs of others. We have the tendency to focus on our own needs and don’t take the time to understand

the circumstances of others.

Communicating frustrations can be just that – frustrating. A simple way to get your point across without condemning others may take this form: I feel \_\_\_\_ when you \_\_\_\_ because I value \_\_\_\_\_. “I feel I’ve been shafted when you changed our plans because I value predictability.”

I hope that, given time, the world’s view of conflict can be changed. Resolving conflict together can bring mutual understanding, and with it, eventual harmony.

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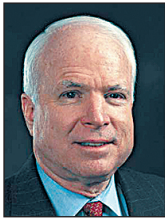
FROM THE ARCHIVES

# 2008 presidential candidates made visits to K-State, Topeka

*In March 1999, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., visited K-State and spoke in the Landon Lecture series at the same time he was competing for the Republican party's presidential nomination. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., also made a visit to the area in March 2006, stopping to speak at a rally in Topeka on his campaign trail.*

*Now that both senators are on the homestretch of the 2008 presidential election, take a look at the Collegian's coverage of their speeches and see how their views have either changed or remained steady throughout their political careers.*

## SENATOR URGES FOREIGN-POLICY REFORM TO PROTECT U.S. INTERESTS



JOHN MCCAIN

By Kelly Furnas

Possible presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R.-Ariz., outlined his proposal for American diplomacy Monday morning at McCain Auditorium in the 114th Landon Lecture.

The bulk of his lecture criticized President Clinton's administration and its policies toward China, citing the possibility of ballistic missile attacks and threats to the American way of life.

"Virtually at the speed of light, the president's view of Chinese leaders has changed from the bloody butchers of Beijing to our strategic partners," McCain said. "They are neither. They are determined, indeed,

ruthless defenders of their regime, who will do whatever is necessary, no matter how inhumane or offensive to us, to pursue their own interests."

He also pointed out allegations of a relationship between Democratic campaign contributions and the administration's approval of technology transfers to China.

"Far more distressing is the charge that they are, at least in part, a consequence of the president placing his own re-election before the supreme national interest," he said. "And if it is proven beyond a reasonable doubt, it will bring more of history's shame upon the president than his personal failings will — indeed, greater shame than any other president in history."

McCain spoke little about his possible bid for the presidency, except to say that it is difficult.

"It is very difficult to run for president of the United States. It's even more difficult if you're from Arizona," he said, indicating that there has never been a president from Arizona. "Arizona might be the only state where mothers don't say you can grow up to be president."

— Compiled by Eric Davis

## OBAMA ADDRESSES NATIONAL CHANGE, EDUCATION, POVERTY IN KEYNOTE SPEECH



BARACK OBAMA

By Owen Kennedy

TOPEKA — Americans believe the country has arrived at a time when something must change, U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., said.

Obama was in Topeka on March 6 as the keynote speaker for the Kansas Democratic Party's Washington Days banquet.

In his speech, Obama said many Americans are tired of leaders who are long on rhetoric and short on substance.

"These are Americans who still believe that anything is possible. They just don't think that their leaders do," Obama said. "These are Americans who still dream big dreams, they just sense that their leaders have forgotten how."

As Obama approached

the podium to speak, an audience of about 1,100 gave him a standing ovation. Democrats on stage with Obama included U.S. Rep. Dennis Moore, D-Kan.; Kansas Democratic Party chairman Larry Gates and Gov. Kathleen Sebelius.

Obama has been called a rising star in the national Democratic party and a rising star in Washington, D.C., a title that was reiterated at Friday's banquet.

Sebelius introduced Obama, complimenting his work helping Americans who live in poverty.

"If you Google 'Obama' and 'rising star,' you'll get 54,000 hits," Sebelius said, "but if you Google 'Obama' and 'poverty,' you'll get 350,000 hits. Because as this star has been rising, Barack Obama hasn't forgotten that the duty of all of us is to help lift up those who have not received the same blessings that we have."

Sebelius said Obama was a leading voice for families, children and opportunity. Sebelius also informally named Obama Kansas' honorary third senator, since Obama's mother and grandmother were both from Kansas.

Obamasaid technological advancements have raised the education standards expected by American workers.

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# Self-defense class offered for Jardine, residence halls

By Sarah Rajewski  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Global Women's Society will sponsor a free women's self-defense class for the Jardine Apartment Complex and the residence halls.

The class will be from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday in Ahearn 301. Preregistration is required.

Victor Wanjala, community advocate for Jardine Apartments, said the Global Women's Society wanted to set up an event like this on campus, so the members contacted Jardine.

"Considering Jardine is the community housing for nontraditional students, a lot of the people here are older and have families," Wanjala said. "And that's who the Global Women's Society works with."

Wanjala said many of the women living in Jardine work and have

families, which doesn't leave them much free time. He said the class could be a way for them to socialize.

"It will be great for the women to get together for a fun activity," Wanjala said. "This would be a way to get everyone to come together to get to know [their] neighbors while doing something constructive at the same time."

A shuttle will be available to take students to the class.

It will pick up Jardine residents at 9:45 a.m. in front of the Thomas J. Frith Community Center at Jardine and residence hall students at 9:50 a.m. in front of Putnam Hall.

People can sign up for the class at the Frith Community Center or by calling the Jardine office at 785-532-2790.

Space is limited and the deadline to sign up for the class is Friday.

# VOTE | Law useful

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summer while wearing a T-shirt promoting Ron Thornburgh for secretary of state.

"Mrs. Brownback informed us that we weren't allowed to wear that stuff within a certain space of a polling area," Jackson said.

"I was completely surprised," she said. "But I don't think it would swing people in any direction."

Zack Swim, senior in

electrical engineering, did not know about the stipulation either, and is concerned about the number of students who will unknowingly participate in electioneering.

"I think it should be publicized better because I think a lot of students will be turned away. It's caged in the fact that a bigger law prohibits pushing your candidate in the poll area. It's annoying, but it's fair," he said.

# RECORD | Recruiting

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he took over in 1986, but he has led the charge to recruit and retain the state's best and brightest students," Bosco said. "The result has been K-State achieving the top spot among state universities in producing Rhodes, Marshall, Truman, Goldwater and Udall scholars."

Duane Nellis, provost and senior vice president, supervises international programs and international recruitment.

He credited Kristine Young, interim associate

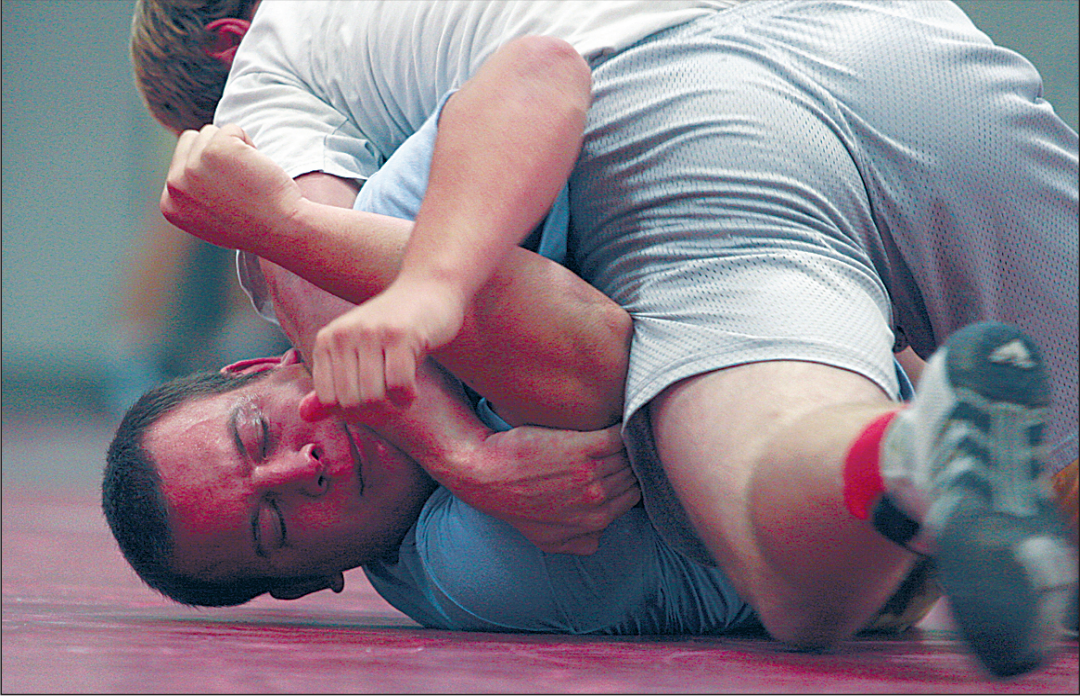
provost of international programs, and Jim Lewis, director of international pre-admissions and recruiting, for their efforts in recruiting new undergraduates from foreign countries.

"There is tremendous value in getting to know students from different cultures," Nellis said. "These friendships not only enhance an individual's personal experiences, but also help students understand other cultures. This is vital in an increasingly global society."

## Scheduled conflicts

**Michael Hammer**, sophomore in business administration, pulls a cross face on **Matt Crow**, sophomore in construction science and management, Monday night at Peters Recreation Complex. Wrestling meets will take place at 7 p.m. for the remainder of the week.

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# President Bush to explain plan to buy bank stocks today

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WASHINGTON – The Bush administration plans to spend an initial \$250 billion of the \$700 billion bailout buying stock in private banks, greatly expanding protections for the U.S. financial system out of deep concern for the faltering economy, industry and government officials said Monday night. President Bush planned to announce the details Tuesday morning.

Agreement on the plan came after a remarkable Treasury Department meeting between top government economic officials and executives of the nation's largest banks to revamp the most costly financial rescue in the nation's history.

The plan also would provide a way for the government to insure loans that banks make to each other, a critical part of the credit system that has become frozen and put many businesses in peril.

Earlier Monday, stocks soared around the world in response to dramatic government economic relief efforts in the U.S. and overseas – and the possibility of the even bolder American action.

Monday night, the Treasury Department said the administration had decided on “comprehensive actions” to bolster public confidence in the nation's finan-

cial system. Bush was to be briefed early Tuesday by economic advisers and then announce the plan, which the Treasury said was designed to “restore functioning of our credit markets.”

While the administration refused to provide details in advance, industry and government officials with knowledge of the plan said it would include billions of dollars in spending by the government to purchase stock in banks as a way of providing them desperately needed money so they could resume more normal lending. The industry and government officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the details were yet to be formally released.

The administration will use \$250 billion of the bailout program recently passed by Congress to buy into U.S. banks, officials said. The government initially will purchase stock of nine large banks, but the program is expected to be expanded to many others. Among the initial banks participating will be all of the country's largest institutions, including Citigroup Inc., Wells Fargo & Co., JPMorgan Chase & Co, Bank of America Corp. and Morgan Stanley, said one official, who added that administration briefers did not provide any amounts that would be received by individual banks.

The administration expects to spend the \$250 billion buying bank stock before the end of this year, this official said. Bush will certify on Tuesday that another \$100 billion is needed from the \$700 billion rescue program. That would leave the final \$350 billion to be spent.

In addition to the stock purchases, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. will temporarily provide insurance for loans between banks, charging the banks a premium for doing so.

The officials said that the FDIC would remove for a period the current \$250,000 limit on FDIC insurance on bank deposits for non-interest bearing accounts. This would primarily benefit businesses who use non-interest bearing accounts to run their businesses. That money would now be insured, removing the need for these businesses to juggle funds among multiple bank accounts to stay under the \$250,000 limit.

Congress as part of the bailout bill temporarily boosted the deposit insurance cap from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

The administration's proposals were explained during a meeting at the Treasury Department that had been called by Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and included the top executives of the largest banks in the country. Federal Reserve

Chairman Ben Bernanke also participated in the discussions.

The new approach by the U.S. government is modeled after parts of the strong initiatives in Europe, where governments put \$2.3 trillion on the line Monday in guarantees and other emergency measures to save banks there.

The \$700 billion rescue program that Congress passed on Oct. 3 will continue to feature the purchase by the government of banks' bad assets but will now devote a significant part of the effort to direct government purchases of stock in banks, an idea that Paulson brought up only last week.

Major stock markets around the world surged higher – after plunging ever lower last week – as traders began to hear of Europe's actions and the possibility of further steps in the United States.

On Wall Street, a record 936-point increase in the Dow Jones industrials far surpassed the previous one-day mark of 499 points, set in the waning days of the dot-com boom in 2000. But the surge came after the staggering losses of the worst week ever, and economists said more rough days can be expected. European markets rallied following Asia's lead in response to the widespread government initiatives.

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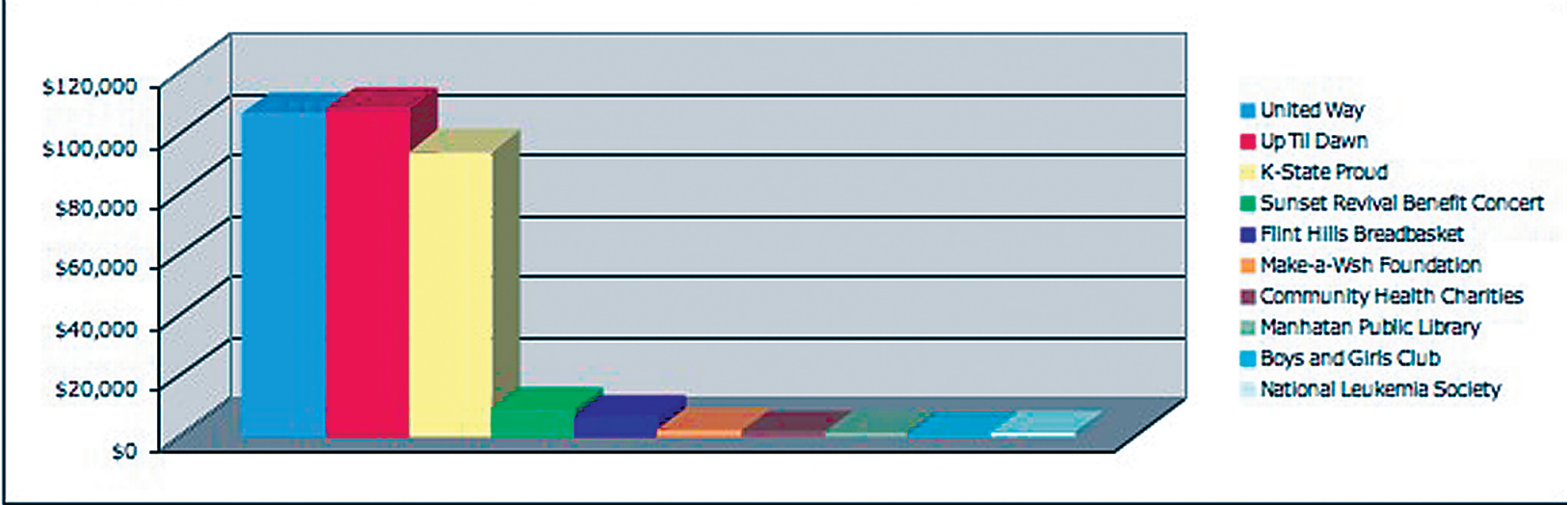
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# Students raise money for various charitable organizations

This graph shows the amount of money raised by K-Staters in 2007-2008 for some of the many charitable organizations K-State groups work with.

—Compiled by Sarah Rajewski



## K-State professor investigates why people quote movies

By Tyler Sharp  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Researchers at K-State are trying to determine why and how people quote movies during everyday conversation.

Richard Harris, K-State professor of psychology, examined these questions in a study, “Social Movie Quoting: What, Why and How?,” which was published in the August edition of *Ciencias Psicologicas*.

The study – the first of its kind – found that 100 percent of those surveyed had quoted a movie in conversation before.

According to the study, lines were quoted almost accurately or completely accurately about 90 percent of the time.

Those surveyed also said they most often quoted comedies, primarily to amuse themselves and others.

Harris’ subjects were college students in introductory-level psychology courses.

Chris Garlow, junior in business administration,

said he and his older sister often quoted movies when they were younger, just to make each other and their friends laugh.

“I have latched onto that, and it has become ingrained in me,” Garlow said. “It was a great way to express myself and have a good time and be goofy.”

Harris said he had the idea for the study after a research meeting revealed no one had investigated the behavior of quoting movies.

So Harris, a cognitive psychologist who focuses on how people learn from the media, decided to study this behavior.

“The first thing we did is a very qualitative study of asking people if they had quoted a movie in a conversation,” Harris said. “It told us a couple things.

“No one ever said, ‘We don’t do that.’ It also gave us some ideas for categories to use on a study that would be quantitative.”

Subsequent studies occurred in February 2006 and January 2007. Harris said recent movies were

quoted most.

In 2004, “Napoleon Dynamite,” was the most commonly quoted movie. Harris said the movie did not appear as often in later studies.

According to the study, the top three quoted movies, accounting for 24 percent of quoted lines, were “Dumb and Dumber,” “Anchorman” and “Napoleon Dynamite.”

While Harris studied college students for all three of his research projects, he said he would like to study the same habits in older adults.

He said studies that compare movie-quoting to other social behaviors are in the future.

Subjects will receive four similar stories all ending with a different movie quote and will be asked questions like, “Do you like the people better?” and “Do you enjoy it more?”

“When we quote movie lines in conversation, it’s kind of a joke,” Harris said. “We’re going to try to compare those two a little more.”

## Concentrated plans



**Laura Wilson,** junior in architecture, works on a project at her desk on the second floor of Seaton Hall. Wilson’s project requires her to design a museum for Topeka’s waterfront.

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